

But it is the job of government and of government officials to minimize damages, to mitigate damages, to make sure that the number of people who get sick and die because of a terrorist attack is the fewest possible. Not to act in such a way that thousands of people who would have been fine had it not been for the malfeasance of government are not going to be fine. So for that it is the terrorists' fault but it is also the fault of these government officials. And that is another reason why the government has a heavy moral responsibility to clean up the indoor environment so that people stop being further exposed to the toxins so that we put a halt to further numbers of people getting sick from this. And, secondly, the government has a heavy moral responsibility to help those who have lost their jobs because they can no longer breathe, who are getting sick, who are sick, to minimize their damages by making sure that their health care is not a problem, by enacting legislation to provide for long-term health care and monitoring.

So I thank you for yielding to me. I hope that these rather harsh words but realistic words and absolutely truthful words will get some response from an administration that has been completely callous toward the survivors and has paid only lip service toward the survivors, and I hope that we can redeem the moral values that we all share on behalf of the Federal Government by doing the right thing in the future on this if we have not done so in the past, which we have not.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KNOLLENBERG (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SESTAK) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SESTAK, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 25.
Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 25.
Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 20.
Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, September 19.

Mr. HAYES, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

H.R. 2669. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

H.R. 3218. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way".

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3304. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report detailing purchases from foreign entities in FY 2006, pursuant to Public Law 109-359, section 8030(b); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3305. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3306. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the Broadcasting Board of Governors' 2006 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 305(a)(9) of the U.S. International Broadcasting Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-236, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6204; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3307. A letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's fiscal year 2007 FAIR Act inventory, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3308. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2006 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3309. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of Labor, transmitting pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270), the

Department's 2006 Revised Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3310. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of Labor, transmitting pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270), the Department's 2006 Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3311. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2006 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3312. A letter from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270), the Administration's FY 2007 inventory of inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3313. A letter from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting the Audit Report Register, including all financial recommendations, for the period ending March 31, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3314. A letter from the EEO Director, National Mediation Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2006 report, pursuant to the requirements of section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3315. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's Fiscal Year 2006 list of commercial activities in accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3316. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory Summary as of June 30, 2006; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3317. A letter from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the budget request for the Office of Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, for fiscal year 2009, prepared in compliance with OMB Circular No. A-11; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3318. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Norwalk River, Norwalk, CT [CGD01-07-019] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received September 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3319. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Choptank River, Cambridge, MD [Docket No. CGD05-07-046] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received September 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3320. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting